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Applicant(s): Dixon et al.  
Appl. No.: 09/682,177  
Filed: July 31, 2001  
Title: MULTI-COMPARTMENT PET FOOD CONTAINER  
Art Unit: 1761  
Examiner: Unknown  
Docket No.: 112701-191

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**PETITION TO ADD INVENTORS WHO WERE ERRONEOUSLY OMITTED AS  
INVENTORS IN THE PATENT APPLICATION AS FILED (37 CFR § 1.48(a))**

This petition under 37 CFR § 1.48(a) is being submitted to add the names of certain persons erroneously omitted as inventors in the above-identified application. The omitted persons should be identified as inventors of the invention now being claimed.

The patent application names Dan Dixon, Harold H. Bennett, Marc Dambrine and Michael G. Rayner. Two inventors, Carlos A. Aguilar and Mario Albuja, were erroneously omitted, without deceptive intent, from being named as inventors in the patent application. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that Carlos A. Aguilar and Mario Albuja be named as inventors in the above-identified patent application.

The additional inventors, Carlos A. Aguilar and Mario Albuja, were erroneously omitted from being named as inventors on the Declaration in the patent application as filed on July 31, 2001. Thus, the error in inventorship in the Declaration arose without any deceptive intent on the part of Carlos A. Aguilar and Mario Albuja, or the named inventors. Accordingly, the following individuals should be listed as inventors of the above-identified patent application and any patent issuing therefrom:

Carlos A. Aguilar  
Mario Albuja  
Harold H. Bennett  
Marc Dambrine  
Dan Dixon  
Michael G. Rayner

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A statement from the added inventors, Carlos A. Aguilar and Mario Albuja, that the error in inventorship occurred without deceptive intention on their part accompanies this petition.

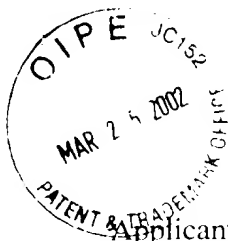
Applicants are also submitting herewith the requisite processing fee of \$130.00 under 37 CFR § 1.17(i). To the extent any additional fees are due and owing in view of this communication, Applicants respectfully request that the Patent Office charge Deposit Account No. 02-1818. Furthermore, to the extent the Patent Office requires any further information or documentation regarding this matter, Applicants respectfully request that the Patent Office contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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**STATEMENT OF CARLOS A. AGUILAR PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.48(a)(2)**

Sir:

I, the undersigned, Carlos A. Aguilar, declare as follows:

1. I reside at 3906 North 31<sup>st</sup> Street, St. Joseph, Missouri 64506.
2. On July 31, 2001, the above-identified patent application was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office by the inventors of the subject matter of the patent application, Dan Dixon, Harold H. Bennett, Marc Dambrine and Michael G. Rayner.
3. I, Carlos A. Aguilar, was erroneously omitted as a named inventor of the subject matter of the above-identified patent application.
4. The error in inventorship in the Declaration arose without any deceptive intention on my part or on the part of the named inventors.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

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and as such, willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of any patent that may issue from this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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Carlos A. Aguilar

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**STATEMENT OF MARIO ALBUJA PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.48(a)(2)**

Sir:

I, the undersigned, Mario Albuja, declare as follows:

1. I reside at 3002 N. 39<sup>th</sup> Terrace, St. Joseph, Missouri 64506.
2. On July 31, 2001, the above-identified patent application was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office by the inventors of the subject matter of the patent application, Dan Dixon, Harold H. Bennett, Marc Dambrine and Michael G. Rayner.
3. I, Mario Albuja, was erroneously omitted as a named inventor of the subject matter of the above-identified patent application.
4. The error in inventorship in the Declaration arose without any deceptive intention on my part or on the part of the named inventors.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

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and as such, willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of any patent that may issue from this application.

Respectfully submitted,

*M. Abuja*  
Mario Abuja

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Date